

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 31, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

August 1, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM NO MASS
12:00 PM+ Patrick Duffy (McNelis Teachers)

August 2, Tuesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard

6:45AM NO MASS
12:00PM+Jim & Peggy Mullan (Skip Cowan)

August 3, Wednesday: Weekday

6:45AM NO MASS
12:00PM+ Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

August 4, Thursday: Saint John Vianney, Priest

6:45AM+Marianna Mignogna Moffa (Estate)
12:00PM+Sandy Cuzzolina (Family)

August 5, Friday: The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

6:45AM+Barbara Shoemaker (Daryl Little Family)
12:00PM+Danyll Rougeux (Mom & Dad)

August 6, Saturday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00AM+Eleanor Fischer (Frank & Denise Watts)
12:00PM+Alice Winkler (Friends at Forever Media)

Vigil : Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Robert Jones Retirement (Rae & Joseph
Kapfhammer)

August 7, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM+Moses Reunion (Family)
10:00 PM+Gail Sloan (Friends)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish is at 11:30 A.M

Readings for the week of July 31, 2022

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,
17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-
21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt
15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt
16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd,
41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-
19/Lk 9:28b-36

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22
[12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:32-48 or
12:35-4

PATCHWORK AND PAINTING

There are areas in the Cathedral's side aisles, chapels, and ambulatory(the hall behind the sanctuary)that need some repair work and painting. The work is expected to be done during the summer months.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

When Msgr. Carson is away for retreat, a few days off, or vacation, the 6:45 A.M. will normally be cancelled and coverage will be arranged for the noon Mass. Eventually, there will probably be only one daily Mass on Saturdays, since the Cathedral frequently has other liturgies scheduled like marriages, funerals, and diocesan events. There will still be a 5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass on Saturdays.

This Week's Mass Schedule

There will be no 6:45 AM Mass from Monday to Wednesday, August 1-3. There will still be a noon Mass those days.

Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, August 5th. Paula will be back in the office Monday, August 8th.

*Thank you, Lord,
for the many blessings
you have given and continue to give to the
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Family.*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, July 24, 2022 \$ 7,630.38
Thank you for your financial and spiritual
support.

Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, August 3rd, Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 P.M. until the end of Confessions. A sign-up sheet is located on the cross aisle table to mark your time for visitation before the Blessed Sacrament. It is essential that at least one or two persons, are present during all hours of adoration. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left exposed without people spending time in adoration.

Nocturnal Adoration

The next Nocturnal Adoration will take place at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Church, 2305- 5th Street, Altoona, on Friday, August 5th, 2022 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. All are welcome to spend an hour or as long as you would like.

Religious Education PK4-11

Please return the Registration form as soon as possible.

Registration weekend will be held August 13-14 before and after all Cathedral Masses in the Religious Ed Center. A copy of Baptismal certificate is required for new students.

Classes for Pre K4-11 will resume Sunday, September 11th.

Contact Chris Laraia for information.

All information will be updated through your Flocknote app throughout the summer break.

Confirmation Prep

There will be a Parent & Students meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Hall.

Coming up! "Basket Bingo "

It is getting to that time of the year to start thinking of Basket Bingo, that which is scheduled for Sunday, September 25, 2022 at Father Kelley Hall. We are starting to take donations of Basket Fillers, Monetary, and gift cards (with activation receipt please). Bottles of water and cans of soda would also be appreciated. They may be dropped off at the Cathedral Parish Center Office during the hours of 9:00 AM-4:30PM. If you have any questions you can call the Parish Office at 814-944-4603, or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704.

Stewardship Reflections

Saint Paul reminds us to make decisions so that we can make the best use of the gifts we have been given, "think of what is above, not of what is on earth." Too many people in our materialistic set priorities that are focused on wealth, status and power. How foolish and naive! Jesus makes it clear that life is not about "stuff," "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one maybe rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Don't be ashamed of living differently from people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. Christian stewards are wise in God's eyes. You will be rich in what matters most. What matters most to you? (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/8/02)

Holy Spirit Ministry

Will be having a Praise and Worship with Eucharist Adoration with Speaker Tessa Crider. Giving a witness talk she is a recent graduate from Franciscan University and will be teaching at Bishop Guilfoyle in the fall. This will be help on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM, at St Michael's Church, Hollidaysburg.

Stewardship

There are times in our lives that we get the chance to see a glimpse of heaven. It may be through the love of another, loved one or a stranger. Sometimes it may even be an event that seems unexplainable, perhaps even supernatural. These occurrences may be the answer to prayer or they may surprise us by coming out of nowhere. But no matter their nature or origin, they give us hope and strength to carry on through life.

When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talent is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us for his glory, he uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

The greatest example of this occurs at the Mass. Through the hands of an ordained priest taking the gift of the bread and wine, God is really present with us. When we then take Christ into our bodies, we accept the offer to take him into the world to others. The world cannot see Jesus in us with human eyes, but through our works of stewardship, they can see Jesus in us. One could say that they even have a chance to see a glimpse of heaven.

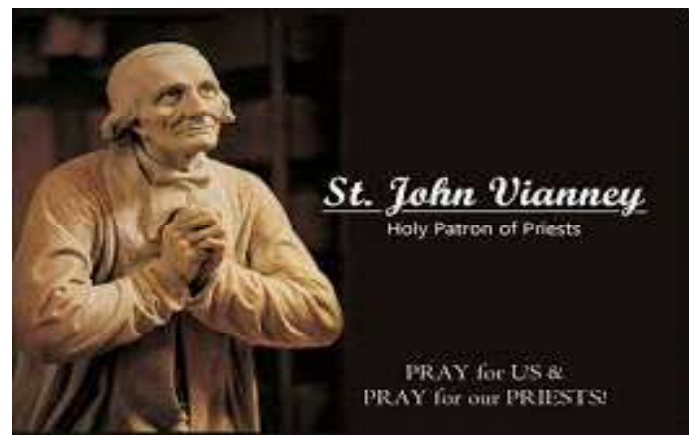
TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE LORD ©LPI

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What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God. ©LPi



Women's Conference

A dynamic and inspiring Catholic speaker will headline the upcoming Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown women's conference "Women Find Strength in Christ" on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg. Kelly Walquist, founder of WINE: Women in the New Evangelization, will be the keynote speaker. Also presenting will be Deanne Miller and Colleen Scariano, co-founders of Soul Core, a movement that nurtures a body and soul through prayer and core strengthening exercises. The conference includes Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and lunch. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please register online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a hard copy registration form at any parish and mail the form and a check to the diocese. The deadline for reservations is August 31.

FAITH NIGHT AT THE CURVE

Thanks to a benefactor, our parish has a block of 40 tickets (section 203) to the Altoona Curve for the game on Sunday, August 21, at 6:00 p.m. with postgame fireworks. Call or email our office for your free ticket/s. It will be fun to get together with parishioners and friends.

DO IT TOGETHER MINISTRY

Most parishes, including the Cathedral and Our Lady of Fatima, are still recovering from the pandemic, church scandals, and either cultural indifference or opposition. Liturgical ministers need to be recruited and trained; committees need to be formed to address issues of maintenance, the liturgy, and our presence on social media; help is needed to respond to requests for ancestry research; since the Cathedral is also a tourist site, tours and hospitality need to be provided; the formation of missionary-disciples needs to take place; storage areas need to be cleared of accumulated and unvaluable debris; and we need to improve our outreach to those in need.

You are encouraged to respond positively when requests are made for the contribution of your time and talent.



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THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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CHURCH OFFICE: 814-944-4603

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.
Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Charismatic Prayer - Normally 3rd Monday of the Month
Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM
Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.
Sunday Evening 6:15 PM- 8:15 PM
Grades 9 thru 12.

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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
5:00 PM

Most Reverend Mark L. Barchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011
Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112
Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 814-944-4014

Weekday: 6:45 AM
12:00 Noon
Saturday: 8:00 AM
12:00 Noon

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